



The Town Crier

City of Algona

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Affordable Spay/Neuter Services for Your Pet

Northwest Spay & Neuter Center has partnered with Metro Animal Services to make affordable spay and neuter services more accessible to our residents. They are a high-quality, high-volume spay and neuter clinic and, because they are a non-profit, are able to keep prices low. They also offer further-reduces and free specials to qualified clients. With Metro Animal Services as a partner, Northwest Spay & Neuter now offers an animal shuttle. Animals are picked up from a designated location in the community, brought to Tacoma for surgery, and returned to their owners at the same location the following morning. Transportation is offered at no additional cost to the client. For more information, contact Northwest Spay & Neuter Center at 253-627-7729.

Algona Days 2014

July 18 & 19

It's that time again! Planning is underway and it is not too late to help. The City would love to have as many residents help out as possible. Also, if you or someone you know is interested in participating in the parade, please fill out an application at City Hall.

Just a reminder for the 4th of July ...

Legal Fireworks: Party Poppers, Booby Traps, Snappers, Sparklers, Cylindrical and Cone Fountains, Illuminating Torch Wheels, Roman Candles, Mines, Shells, Helicopters, Aerial Spinners, Ground Spinners, Flitter Sparklers, Smoke Devices

Illegal Fireworks: Sky Rockets, Missile-Type Rockets, Firecrackers and Salutes, Chasers, Jumping Jacks, Ground Devices containing more than 50 mg of explosive material and Aerial Devices containing more than 130 mg of explosive material.

The Algona Police Department would like to thank Auburn Area Fire Medic Campaign and King County Health Department for the 4 automated electronic defibrillators that were given to the Algona Police Department. Due to these additional units, every police car is now outfitted with one.

Fact:

Keeping pollutants out of the water isn't just a good idea - it's the law. The Washington State Water Pollution Control Law (RCW 90.48) and the King County Code (KCC 9.12) prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the storm drainage system, surface water and groundwater. Direct dumping of material or polluted stormwater can negatively affect every water body it enters.

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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

Council Meetings
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Visit our website at:
www.algonawa.gov



New Community Group:Algona Public Awareness Coalition (APAC)

APAC

Home Town Community Services has partnered with Futurewise to create the Algona Public Awareness Coalition (APAC). The coalition's goal is to work with the community and for the related groundwater pollution that is under part of northeastern Algona.

The trichloroethylene (TCE) groundwater contamination, commonly referred to as the "plume", is oriented in a northwest direction and comes from historic activities at the Boeing Auburn Fabrication plant. TCE is no longer used at the facility and the levels of pollution are low.

Boeing Site History

The Boeing Auburn site opened in 1966 and became the largest airplane parts plant in the world. Up until the early 1990's, TCE was used as a degreasing solvent to clean metal parts at the site. TCE was a common chemical used widely in the US manufacturing industry. It is believed tank leaks and spills on the Boeing property released the TCE that created the plume.

In 2002, the Department of Ecology and Boeing signed an Agreed Order that required a Remedial Investigation, meaning soil and groundwater studies had to be conducted. Groundwater and soil sampling was required in order to determine the chemical constituents, the extent in the ground, the rate and direction of movement, and the potential effects to human health. The results of these studies, which are ongoing, will be used to create a Feasibility Study of potential cleanup options and will be used to determine the Cleanup Action Plan.

In Algona, the groundwater moves at a rate of about 400 feet per year. Even though the sources of pollution have been removed, the chemicals continue to move slowly in the ground. Boeing has conducted interim cleanups on the site, but in 2011, it was discovered that the plume was larger than expected. There was concern about the contamination because the groundwater levels in Algona are shallow. Testing of water in the drainage ditches was conducted in 2012-2013, and the state Department of Health assessed the results and found that the levels of pollutants are very low. In June 2014, Boeing's contractor began installing additional groundwater monitoring wells in the northern area of Algona to continue sampling and data collection. The results of these studies will be available to the public. Currently, **there are no threats to the drinking water.**

APAC Activities

APAC will be working to learn the community concerns and questions and to relay these to the State Department of Ecology. APAC will be going door-to-door to talk to residents, will be conducting activities at events, and will be putting together a community meeting in the fall. For comments, questions, concerns or to get involved with APAC, please contact: Jeanette Ordonez at 253-247-0460 or jeanette@futurewise.org. Funding for this work comes from the State Model Toxics Control Act Public Participation Grants which are distributed via Ecology.

APAC will be at Algona Days, July 19, to conduct a Health Fair. There will be information on the plume, activities about healthy living, free health screening services, the annual Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast (sponsored by Home Town Community Services) and other free services & treats.



Mayor's Message

Community Signs

We are installing a community sign in Waffle Park (across from store), where we will be posting information on meetings and events. We discussed several different locations, and decided Waffle Park was the best. Many residents pass the park daily and since the sign will be lighted, it will be noticed in winter, when it gets dark early.

You may have noticed the new speed trailer, which includes a signage feature that allows us to post information. The speed trailer warns when you are speeding, provides community information and provides us with traffic counts. We will be using all three features.

Both of these signs will help us keep the community informed. Remember to sign up for email blasts at our web page www.algonawa.gov for even more information from the City.

Street Repairs

Summer is street work season. We will be doing chip seal maintenance on several roads this year. We would like to rebuild all the roads in town, but rebuilding the roads is very expensive. We do apply for every grant (state or federal money) we can, but the competition for the money is fierce. We currently are seeking two grants, one CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) would help us finance a sidewalk from 5th to 7th on Celery. This is all we can seek for now, but we hope to someday have sidewalks the length of Celery. The other grant is through PSRC (Puget Sound Regional Council) and would help finance an asphalt overlay on West Valley Highway from 1st Ave N to Ellingson. The West Valley Grant has cleared the first hurdle, but has two more votes at PSRC. We will know in October, one way or the other, on the PSRC grant and the money will be available in mid 2015.

Boeing Plume

Boeing continues to test and explore where the plume is, and how concentrated the chemicals are if they are present. This round is placing some monitoring (long term) wells and will also include more push probes (snapshot) like before. One of the monitoring wells is going to be in the Junction development. Boeing is confident that the plume is not in that area, so the purpose of the well is to confirm that there is no TCE or its related chemicals present. The monitoring wells are sampled every quarter. The city negotiated, and Boeing agreed to the additional monitoring wells so that we can be confident that any pollution is restricted to the properties in the north end of town.

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Happy
4th of July





JULY 2014

Don't Forget
Free Popcorn
Fridays !

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

		1	2	3	4 City Hall Closed	5
6	7	8 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	9	10 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15 Penalties posted for past due May bills & notices mailed	16	17	18 Algona Days	19 Algona Days
20	21 Disconnect notices for past due May bills	22 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	23 Water shut off for past due May bills	24	25	26
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